

## HERRING NEWS.

### Items of Interest from Bay of Islands Western Star.

#### Captains Incensed Regarding Duty on Barrels and Gasoline.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of Wednesday has the following item of interest concerning the herring fishery:

"Sch. H. M. Stanley is loaded and ready to sail.

"Fish nets are down to eighteen fathoms.

"The Indiana is expected to leave for Gloucester today.

"Sch. T. M. Nickerson will be ready to sail this week.

"Sch. Inogmar will be ready to leave Woods Island today.

"There are good indications of herring outside of the Narrows.

"Sch. Corona will finish loading with three or four days more good fishing.

"Herring were reported scarce at Middle Arm yesterday, although some good catches were made.

"The greater part of the fleet has moved into Middle Arm. The others will follow in a day or two.

"Herring catches are intermittent at Woods Island. At Middle Arm five and six barrels to a fleet have been taken.

"The vessels have been out in deep water the past week. Nets have been placed 100 and 120 fathoms without touching bottom.

"Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Capt. John Bonia, and sch. Essex, Capt. Hackett, are racing from Woods Island to Gloucester. It is understood that Bonia challenged Hackett and the latter, confident of victory, wagered an amount sufficient to make the race interesting.

"The captains of schs. Henry M. Stanley and Essex of Gloucester are incensed because they were obliged to pay duties on barrels and gasoline brought along as part of their outfit for the voyage. In one case the duty on barrels was paid under protest, but a lot of gasoline was placed in bond, awaiting advice from the vessel owners at Gloucester. The fish owners say that as the barrels and gasoline are part of the fittings for the trip, they should not be deemed dutiable. The matter will be immediately brought before the department at Washington for decision as to whether this action by the government violates the provision of the *modus vivendi* under which American fishermen are operating at Bay of Islands pending settlement of the matter at the Hague tribunal."

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## SEASON ALMOST OVER.

### All the Vessels of the Trawl Salt Bank Fleet Now Home.

#### But Three Dory Handliners Remain To Arrive.

Schs. Mabel D. Hines, Orinoco and Georgie Campbell, all trawl salt bankers, have arrived home since the last report, and that fishery is over for the season, as these vessels were the last of the second trip trawling fleet.

There are yet three of the dory handliners to arrive here, schs. Athlete, Aloha and Tattler. Sch. Elizabeth M. of Bucksport should be home today or tomorrow and the three above named will probably soon be along.

The season as a whole can be fairly called quite successful and has been a long one, as the first vessels of the fleet got away on their first trips last February.

Fish have been a good price all the season, at times extra good, and some splendid season's work have been made by some of the vessels.

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## MACKEREL SEASON OVER.

### Last Seiner of the Fleet Arrived Home Today.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, which arrived this morning from the Cape Shore, closed the mackerel seining season of 1908. She had 15 barrels of salt mackerel and is the last vessel of the late North Bay and Cape Shore fleet.

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## Fine Fares.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke, Capt. Willis Daggett, and sch. Arabia, Capt. William Doyle, are at Boston today with fine fares, about 80,000 pounds each of fresh fish.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt banking, 170,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, salt banking, 125,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Orinoco, salt banking, 160,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Cape Shore, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 20,000 salt cod.

### Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.

Salt Ribs, cod, large, \$4.00, mediums, \$3.10; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.37 1-2; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.

Bank halibut 9 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

North Bay salt mackerel, \$21.50 per bbl.

Eastern salt shuck trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.20; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Fresh mackerel, 24 1-2 cts. each.

### Boston.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke, 50,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 500 haddock, 800 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Boyi and Leeds, 20,000 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Reliance, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Flaviola, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Vesta, 1500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Volant, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk 1000 pollock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, no fish.

Sch. Pythian, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Arabia, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Quannapowit, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$1; hake, 50 cts. to \$2.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Blanche sailed from North Sydney, C. B., on Tuesday for Bay of Islands, N. F.

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## HIGH LINE SEINER.

### Honor Probably Goes to Redoubtable Capt. Solomon Jacobs.

#### Sch. A. M. Nicholson Has Stock of \$21,000 with Share of \$438.

It looks as though the redoubtable Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. A. M. Nicholson is again high line of the mackerel seining fleet and that the mackerel blue ribbon for the season of 1908 is his.

Capt. Jacobs says he thinks he is high line. He has a stock of \$21,000 and a crew share of \$438, and at the present writing it looks as though these figures would, no doubt, carry off the palm.

Capt. Jacobs has certainly had a fine season and his host of friends are pleased at the continued success of the veteran, who is without doubt the most noted skipper in the fisheries of two coasts.

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## SALT HERRING VESSELS HOME.

### Sch. Veda M. McKown Head Fleet from Bay of Islands.

#### ARRIVED SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

#### Sch. Fannie A. Smith Arrived This Morning with Load.

The advance guard of the salt herring fleet from Bay of Islands, N. F., has arrived.

The first of the deep laden crafts which will be coming along for the rest of this month and next arrived Saturday soon after noon. It was the gasoline auxiliary sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, which was the third of the fleet to leave Bay of Islands, getting away from there Tuesday. This morning sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, arrived, which left a week ago Friday, in company with sch. Essex, Capt. Hackett, similarly loaded. As far as known these were the only vessels which had loaded and started for home up to Saturday.

Schs. Fannie A. Smith and Essex struck hard weather in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the wind being heavy and dead ahead. The former met with no mishap, however, and came along all right, but after getting on the Cape Shore, struck fine weather and light winds which was most aggravating to the hustling Bonia, who likes to do things quickly. The fare of sch. Fannie A. Smith is for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., and the fare of sch. Veda M. McKown will go to Davis Bros.

Capt. Ross of sch. Veda M. McKown made a quick passage indeed, considering the chance he had, and also considering that a rope in the propeller precluded his using his gasoline power until the rope was cleared, off Cape Sable. Since then, in the light chances along, it came in mighty handy.

Capt. Ross confirmed the news of the herring fleet at Bay of Islands and the conditions there as has been published twice a week by the Times in its exclusive letters from there.

He said there had been no frost up to the time he left for home and there had been no trouble about shipping men. Indeed the natives were only too anxious to jump at the chance to get placed on an American craft. The only hitch had been the demand to pay duty on gasoline, barrels, fishing gear, etc., and this the American skippers did, paying it under protest.

Herring were not plentiful and had been scarce, although there were some in deep water, but the natives did not like to risk their gear by fishing there. No herring were reported in North Arm and most of the fleet were in Middle Arm. The McKown has made a quick trip, as she was gone only a month from home, and the Smith was gone about the same time.

Capt. Bonia will lose no time in getting back to Bay of Islands for another cargo, as he will sail tomorrow in sch. Senator Gardner, which has her salt all in, and Capt. Ross will probably drive back in sch. Veda M. McKown, after her herring are hustled out, or take some other vessel of the Davis Bros. fleet.

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### SPLENDID FARE.

#### Sch. Aloha Home with Her Usual Big Load of Codfish.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, arrived this noon from a dory handline trip to Grand Bank and Virgin Rocks, with a magnificent fare 320,000 pounds or better of salt cod. The vessel sailed from here August 19, and as usual, Capt. McInnis has lived up to his reputation as a codfisherman par excellence.

### STRIKING POLLOCK.

#### Fish Seem Now To Be Coming on the Coast.

The pollockers are doing considerably better. The fish have struck over in Ipswich bay and some crews report 20,000 pounds for a night's fishing. The market price has dropped off to \$1 per hundred weight and if the fish continue or should increase in number, next week will probably see some good trips in to split.



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**TAKEN BY STORM.****Sixty Four Fishing Vessels at Boston This Morning.****Fares Are Small, However, and Off Shore Fish Dull.**

The largest fleet that has greeted the fish buyers on T wharf on any one morning for a number of seasons crowded both docks this morning, but while there was such a large number of vessels, fish was in comparative light receipt, as the horde of shore boats there, after having two sets, in fine weather, had found fish very scarce and had only a few market fish, hake being the biggest part of their catches. Of the seven off shore vessels there, only one, sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., had any amount of fish, she hauling for 72,000 pounds, mostly codfish.

In spite of the comparatively light receipts, the market is not high, indeed haddock appeared to be about the only thing the dealers wanted outside of the live shore cod. The off shore cod was very dull and no sales were recorded up to 9 o'clock. Hake were practically at splitting prices, and pollock which were in goodly receipt came down to 75 cents per hundred weight.

Thus far the season has been a hard one on the market boats and as a whole they have done poorly since the season opened. Bad weather bothered them for a long time and now they are finding fish so scarce on the shore that some of the larger ones are going to the Cape Shore and string out their big bunches of single dories off Liscomb, among the big fellows. The off shore vessels are still having bad weather and finding hard work to pick up even a small trip.

**"WALLOP THE POLLOCK."****Handliners Are Now Striking Fine Fishing Off Here.**

The vessels are beginning to "wallop the pollock." This morning about ten fine trips are at Boston and three at this port. Sch. Good Luck, Capt. James Goodwin, has 40,000 pounds here, the banner trip of the season thus far. The fish went to split, as did the 25,000 pounds fare of sch. Volant. Capt. Allen Dolman of the latter craft reports fine fishing, getting his fare all in one day. He was in at Boston Saturday with a good fare, and got these fish yesterday. The fares at this port will go to the splitters.

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**MAY BREAK RECORD.****Sch. Tatler Home Today with Another Big Cod Fare.****Capt. Geel Saddened by News of Death of Brother.**

Capt. Alden Geel stands a fine chance of breaking all record in the salt codfishing line. He holds lots of them now, but this time he is liable to lay over the one held by Capt. John McInnis, who in sch. Talisman, a few years ago, at dory handline, made the biggest seasons work ever put down to the credit of a salt cod fisherman.

On his first trip this season Capt. Geel weighed off the great total of 418,000 pounds of salt cod and made the big stock of \$15,353.

This morning Capt. Geel and sch. Tatler arrived from the second trip of the season and the fare is hailed for about 250,000 pounds, which means another good stock.

The above referred to stock of the Talisman was about \$24,300, and the hustling, smiling Capt. McInnis, who by the way is Capt. Geel's bosom chum and fishing partner, sizes up the situation by saying, "I guess Alden has done it this time."

The satisfaction of Capt. Geel's big season's work was saddened to him this morning, when, on coming ashore, he was informed of the death of one of his brothers, a popular fisherman, who was drowned by falling overboard from a fishing boat, at Pensacola, over a week ago. With another brother, Fred, who goes hand with him, he hurriedly left the vessel at the wharf in charge of his men and took the 8.25 o'clock train, going to his home at Waldoboro, Me., where the funeral is to be held today.

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**ST. PIERRE CONDITIONS.****Fishing Fleet of the Colony Is Rapidly Decreasing.**

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald of recent date has the following regarding the fishing season just closed at St. Pierre, Miquelon:

"Another season of fishery has been completed on the little French islands of Saint Pierre, Miquelon, the sole possession of France in the North Atlantic. Although the industry has been the best for many years, no great improvement has been procured. The number of steam trawlers and the low price of fish has hastened the crisis.

"Year by year the number of schooners composing the fishing fleet of the little colony has been gradually decreasing and now the number stands of next year's fishery as forty-five, whereas in years 1901 and 1902 over two hundred vessels sailed from the islands every spring.

"This heavy reduction brings along with it a big decrease in business, and many firms have been ruined or ceased business. Owners of fishing vessels, as previously stated, have great advantage in fitting out their vessels in France every year, and on each schooner economize over fifteen hundred dollars.

"No remedy has yet been procured to stop the downfall. Of fifty-three vessels engaged in fishing at Saint Pierre this year forty-eight remain, five having been lost this year. According to estimates of the fishery of 1908, one hundred thousand quintals have been procured by the fleet, giving an average of over two thousand quintals per schooner. The coast fishery has been ten per cent. better than previous years. The question of mines at Miquelon has turned out a failure."

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**MAMMOTH LOBSTER.****One Weighing 22 Pounds Brought In by Sch. Annie Perry.**

Sch. Annie Perry, which was reported at Boston this morning, had a veteran lobster, a monster of its species, weighing 22 pounds, which was hauled up on a trawl off Chat-ham on Sunday.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Bay of Islands, 600 bbls. salt herring.  
Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Bay of Islands, 600 bbls. salt herring.  
Sch. Tattler, Virgin Rocks, dory handlining, 250,000 lb., salt cod.  
Sch. Arabia, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Good Luck, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Volant, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Little Fanny, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.  
Boats, 250 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. Viking, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Today's Fish Market.**

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.00, mediums, \$3.10; snapper \$2.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.37 1-2; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.  
Bank halibut 9 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
North Bay salt mackerel, \$21.50 per bbl.  
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.20; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.  
Fresh mackerel, 24 1-2 cts. each.

**Boston.**

Sch. Emerald, 26,000 pollock.  
Sch. Minerva, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Lochinvar, 3000 cod, 15,000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Mina Swim, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 6000 hake.

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Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 26,000 pollock.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Richard, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Winnifred, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. John Hays Hammond, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Ramona.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva.  
Sch. Norman Fisher, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
Steamer Spray, 7000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Kilham, 24,000 pollock.  
Sch. Florida, 7000 cod, 3500 hake.  
Sch. Matiana, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 12,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. George H. Lube, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Aspinet, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Athena, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 3500 pollock.  
Sch. Massasoit, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 22,000 pollock.  
Sch. Cherokee, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Priscilla, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Stranger, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Marion, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Motor, 500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Juniata, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva.  
Sch. Valentina, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Julietta, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 400 hake.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 9000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 13,000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Alcina, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Olympia, 22,000 pollock.  
Sch. Appomattox, 16,000 pollock.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, 11,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Leo.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carrol, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Buena, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Mattakeset, 6000 haddock 800 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. F. D. Brown, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Manomet, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; shore market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, 50 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$2; pollock, 75 cts. to 80 cts.

Nov. 24.

**HAD BAD WEATHER.****Off Shore Haddockers Find Chances To Set Very Scarce.**

A number of vessels arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, and their crews told of violent storms that prevented fishing only at brief intervals. The steam trawler Spray, Capt. Green, made fast to the end of the wharf in the afternoon with one of the smallest trips of fish she has yet brought in. Capt. Green said he left here a week ago last Friday and had bad weather all the time. He first tried fishing on the easterly edge of Georges and then went to the western edge, but had poor luck and secured only 28,000 pounds of fish.